



# **WRECK ROCK TURTLE MONITORING PROJECT.**

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**FORTHCOMING SEASON 20th November 2025 – 2nd<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

### **November 2025 NEWSLETTER.**

Hi All,

The Sunshine Coast TurtleCare group held their annual training day on Saturday 8th November, here at the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre. It was a great day and gave members the opportunity to meet with our new members and for our newer members to hear from very informative presentations and meet with our seasoned volunteers. A similar event has now been booked to be held 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November 2026. Hope to see you there.

Planning for the 2025/2026 monitoring programme has just begun. **WOW** shock to the system. During the year National Parks changed the way you book your site and you can now book your site **12 MONTHS IN ADVANCE!!!!** a few little hiccups for our site 10 but all now organised. Must remember to start booking for 2026 in the next week or so.

At this stage we are planning on taking up the 2 caravans on the 20<sup>th</sup> November, getting them in place and maybe getting a gazebo or two set up over the campsites. Peter is coming up with us then and will be towing the large trailer with vehicles.

Nev will then return home prior to the 27<sup>th</sup> November to collect the Truck, load it up and return to Wreck on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November. From the 30<sup>th</sup> November till the 3<sup>rd</sup> December we will be setting up the remainder of the camp and making trips to the farm to collect the gear, so please as many helpers as possible during that time would be greatly appreciated and needed. You won't need to book a campsite but let us know so we can plan. Thanks to Damo and Natalie (2) who will be coming down from Agnes on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. More helpers will be greatly appreciated as we all know many hands make light work.

We will then return home on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We have received the offer from Aub and Natalie to camp sit till the 10<sup>th</sup> December. Aub is hoping to attach a couple of satellite trackers during that time, so extra volunteers are required to assist. Qualifications for driving the ATV's essential.

The season will get into full swing from the 11<sup>th</sup> December till 26<sup>th</sup> January when we will start to dismantle the site, take the first load home, bring the Truck back to load up and take gear back to the farm and make the final trip home on the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> January 1<sup>st</sup> February.

For ease here it is in a table.

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DATE	ACTIVITY	HELPERS REQUIRED
20/11/25	Take 2 vans to Wreck Rock and beach patrol vehicles	
22 – 23/11/25	Help to set up camp maybe collect gear from the farm	yes
26/11 – 3/12	Bev will be at Camp and hopes to get started on Patrolling but needs a passenger and someone at camp	YES
28/11– 3/12/25	Collect Truck Sunny Coast, load it, Go to Wreck, set up camp ( I am sure Nev would appreciate company in the Truck)	Yes
3/12/ - 10/12	Camp Sit and assist Aub (During this time Bev and Nev return to the Sunshine Coast and Nev will be returning the Truck)	Yes
11/12 - 26/01	Nev and Bev return on the 10 <sup>th</sup> and Turtle Season begin in earnest	Yes
27/01 – 1/02/26	Pulling down camp site, collect truck, load it – transport gear to farm. Final pack and return to Sunny Coast	Yes

VOLUNTEERS FOR 2025/2026 SEASON: We are very grateful for all the help we can get during the season but as you can appreciate, we can only utilise a limited number of volunteers at any one time at Wreck. To assist us with planning for the monitoring season we would like you to work out when you are available and let us know as soon as possible please. We want to spread the volunteers over the season so that there are always sufficient helpers and you get plenty of time on the beach.

Here is the Roster at present

Date	Activity	Helpers required
NOVEMBER 20TH	Nev, Bev and Peter arrive to start setting up	Yes
December 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Damo and Natalie come to help	
December 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Sit and assist Aub	YES
December 5 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Noel on site to Patrol	yes
December 13 <sup>TH</sup> – 20 <sup>TH</sup>	New members arrive for their first season	NO
December 20 <sup>th</sup> – Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Helpers Needed	YES
Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	O'Connor Family on site to Patrol	NO
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	New member Marni arrives for her first season	NO
Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	New members return for their second visit	NO
Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Helpers Needed to patrol	YES
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	Helpers Needed to pull down the camp etc	YES

**Basically we need help from the 20<sup>th</sup> December till the 1<sup>st</sup> January and from the 18<sup>th</sup> January till we leave.**

As you may be aware the cage has not been successful the past few seasons. We recently received correspondence from QPWS/TCP that the mesh size is still an issue. We are hoping that it may be sorted quickly and with the assistance of Sea Turtle Alliance, the current mesh will be replaced with a smaller mesh????? If this is the case we would like to relocate as many nests as possible to the cage.

We need extra people to continue beach patrols while the packing starts. It has been obvious the last few seasons that goanna predation gets much worse when we are not patrolling the beach.

Please be mindful that you must be financial to volunteer with Turtle Care Volunteers Qld Inc. This gives you insurance cover and inclusion under our permits. I am hoping to send out renewal forms early December when I return home to finalise things before heading back for the season.

As you are aware we became a Registered Charity on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022. As such any donations received are now tax deductible. If you know of anyone who may be interested in making a donation, monetary or goods, please get in touch. I know our "Special Committee" would be very appreciative of any fundraising suggestions. The "Special Committee" are given a target each year to raise funds for specific purposes e.g. funding to run the project – At the present time we have no grant funding available. We were contacted recently to make an application for a grant and hopefully Nev's many hours spent preparing the grant application will be successful but we won't know till May 2026 – not helping this season.

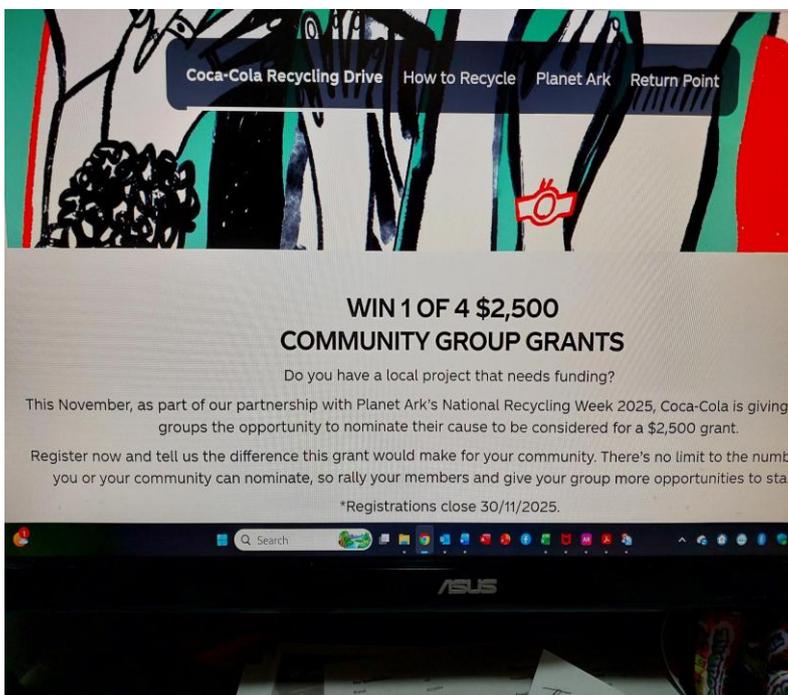
Thanks go to those who are making donations to Containers for Change both here in Qld and WA. Don't forget our number is C10407459 and every container helps. Those who visit Wreck during the season are aware that we set up a bale to collect these containers. Do you know of a location that you may be able to collect these items and take them to a Depot?

Thanks to Katrina and hubby who has set up a collection from her work and also the Local Bar she visits weekly for Trivia. We are most appreciative of the donations that we have received and this will enable us to continue for this season. We have just received notification that some funding from BMRG will be forthcoming this season

Our AGM will be held on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> April at the Centre, Buderim normal starting time 10am . Please if possible keep this date free and attend. If you are unable to attend I can forward a "Proxy" Form closer to the time. Apart from the AGM it is a time when we talk about last season's results and suggestions for 2026/2027 season.

Nev and I were invited to St John's School at Kingaroy last week to present 2 turtle talks to the School, Primary and Secondary. Thank you Elizabeth, a student of the high school who organised this. The presentations were well received. They are planning a Free Dress Day and the proceeds will be donated to this project. Elizabeth and her family will be new volunteers this season at Wreck.

Donna found the below. I have registered. Can you please nominate???? There are only 2 weeks left



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